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### **Honouring** artist

Friends want event renamed to recognize life of Kawagama Lake woman



### A day at the fair

County fair logs another year of agriculture at the Minden Fairgrounds



#### Fun on the lake

**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Terri Matthews gives Annie Merrifield a helping hand in the raw egg toss at the Soyers Lake Ratepayers' Association corn roast Aug. 21. See more photos on page 16.

# **MS** sufferer charged with possession

Jeff Pinney claims he has been using marijunana to calm effects of disease for 30 years

Jenn Watt Editor

After smoking marijuana for 30 years to offset the effects of slow progressing multiple sclerosis, Jeff Pinney, 62, was charged Aug. 23 with possession of the drug in his Hyland Crest room in Minden.

The experience has left Pinney feeling vulnerable and disillusioned – "my only offence is being unable to get an approval to use medical marijuana" – he writes in a flyer he's been passing out throughout town.

He's upset he was charged with possession under 30 grams when he said the police know he uses the drug to calm the spasms in his body, which is slowly

rebelling against him.

"Right now my back is killing me - marijuana helps me separate the pain from my consciousness," Pinney said in an interview Monday.

He is confined to his electric wheelchair, unable to use his legs. His hands work sporadically, but fatigue easily. He can no longer write, or paint, one of his former loves.

He's also unhappy that he was turned in by staff of the long-term care home, who he says went through his possessions without him

They said my purse was open in plain view ... but it was in a pocket, zipped up" and in a dresser drawer, he said.

According to Pinney, staff found the Ziplock bag half filled with the drug Aug. 19, while Pinney was in the

Later that day, an officer from the Haliburton OPP came to Hyland Crest to inform Pinney he would

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# Fay play makes Ontario anthology



Seen and heard Local news and events

Playwrights Canada Press is publishing Minden writer Michael Fay's Never Such Innocence Again in an anthology of community theatre plays to be launched in May, 2011.

The anthology - as yet unnamed - will accompany the Theatre Ontario Festival in Richmond Hill running May 18

Never Such Innocence Again was Fay's first play, set in Haliburton in 1914.

#### Rail Trail 'imagines' possibilities

What does the future of the Rail Trail hold? Pamela Marsales is running another meeting on the future of the former rail line that runs from Haliburton Village to Kinmount on Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fleming College.

'Following the recent Enduro motorcycle controversy, there is an urgent need to create policy about the future of the Rail Trail," Marsales writes.

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# Friends want to name event after artist

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

She always had an insatiable wanderlust, inspiring everyone she knew with how she led her life: full of enthusiasm and spirit.

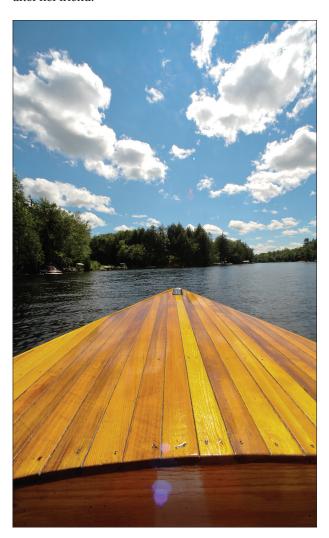
It's only fitting that Fitz-Gibbon would leave this world on the same day that showcased local artists inspired by the natural surroundings of Kawagama Lake at the recent Art on the Dock event organized by her friend Jan McDonald, who named Fitz-Gibbon the featured artist for her poetry and writing.

Kawagma Lake's Mary Fitz-Gibbon, 95, died from com-

Kawagma Lake's Mary Fitz-Gibbon, 95, died from complications after being transferred from the Huntsville hospital to the Bracebridge hospital when she was suffering from abdominal pains on Sunday, July 25. Her nephew, David Fitz-Gibbon and niece, Robin Kraft, survive her.

She is never going to forget Fitz-Gibbon as "the most inspiring woman in my life".

McDonald wants to re-name the Art on the Dock event after her friend.



**Darren Lum** Times staff

The view of Kawagama Lake, which inspired Mary Fitz-Gibbon, from the bow of Jan McDonald's boat.

She grew closer to Fitz-Gibbon because of Visible Voices – a 10-week program that pairs seniors in care or isolated communities with community volunteers that foster creativity, expand skills, recognize and celebrate talents. This program is supported by the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and Trent University.

Since the autumn she had spent one day a week with Gibbon sharing stories and life experiences. She may have never married, but she was never alone, she said.

Part of the program was a trip to the ROM where she revisited the place she knew as a place not just for work, but was the joy in her life and the opportunity to share her passion. It was a place she hadn't been for decades and the luminescent smile remains brilliant in the photos from that day.

Fitz-Gibbon was the second daughter of five children to parents who made a living making prefabricated cottages. She had an art and architecture degree, recruited for the Canadian Armed Forces for the Second World War and worked at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) for more than 40 years as a teacher and a member of the ethnology department, including involvement with the Girl Guides where she met Mary Sutton's mother-in-law.

Sutton and her husband Harold cared for Fitz-Gibbon, who lived with them for the last several years.

Sutton was with her the last couple of days and before Fitz-Gibbon became incoherent due to the administered morphine she told Sutton: "I don't want to go to hell because I've been there this morning."

Joking until the end wasn't out of character for the spry woman, seemingly never without a smile as beautiful as the area she had known as her home the last while.

Sutton will never forget the selfless woman born in Port Colbourne with a heart as large and deep as Kawagama Lake where she first visited as an eight-year-old.

"She looked after her grandparents," Sutton said. "She didn't work. She stayed home and looked after her grandfather and grandmother until they died."

Subsequently she cared for her mother until her death and even in the twilight of her life had been helping pay for the high school education of a young Ugandan teen with regular contributions. Three years are left in her commitment and Sutton hopes donations from the public will ensure contribution for the remaining three years of high school.

She was even ready to give her entire savings to the local church when it was threatened with closure, but Sutton ensured the misunderstanding didn't leave her friend, who was like a grandmother to her own grandchildren, penny less.

Her friends Patricia and John Thompson will always remember their friend as a proud Canadian with a talent and love for song.

Patricia said she is never going to forget Fitz-Gibbon for how she lived in the moment, never lamenting and always looking to the future and that her friend's love of the lake came through in her poetry, which is being transcribed for a collection titled, *The Poems of Mary Fitz-Gibbon*.

Although she was not without God as a devoted Christian, who attended the Dorset Anglican Church every Sunday as a perennial member of the choir, she had a special connection to nature Sutton said.

"As much as she loved nature she hated black flies and mosquitoes," she said. "If there was just one around she would just go crazy. She had this thing about them."

She loved to garden, canoe and fish, even teaching Sut-



Mary Fitz-Gibbon sits with the granddaughter Zoe Keech to her friend and caregiver Mary Sutton during the Thanksgiving weekend in 2007. /Submitted photo

ton's husband Harold as a boy decades before she said.

The talk of fishing seemed to bring up the story (that often elicited a roll of the eyes from Harold when it was told) when his friend, brash, braggart and full of unusual confidence for a boy so young came along with Fitz-Gibbon and Harold. Mary had none of the attitude and put him in his place with how she prepares the minnow for the hook.

"She just grabbed the minnow and bit off the head and the tail. He was just so much in awe that she had done that. There wasn't too much bragging after that," she said.

It was just something she did since she was a little girl and was what her four brothers had made her do.

Sutton said Fitz-Gibbon, even up to the end, was a kid at heart.

"We would be getting out the Play Doh and she would be right there," she said, remembering the time when she played with Sutton's three year old granddaughter Zoe for hours on end.

Even though Fitz-Gibbon once told Thompson, 'getting old is about giving up things graciously' she did have a few regrets such as not getting to more places like Egypt and Italy, and a life behind the wheel of a trailer truck.

Sutton remembers her friend never drove particularly well, but frequently showed interest in long haul trucks as they passed: "You know when I was younger I always wanted to drive one of those big trucks. That would be neat."

Fitz-Gibbon's service is open to the public and is scheduled at the Dorset Community Centre at 1 p.m. for Saturday, Sept. 4.



**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Ron Gamble and Suwan Khamduang stand outside the Wild Orchid, which the couple will close in October as they move to Thailand to be close to Khamduang's family. The Thai restaurant has been open for 10 years and Gamble has owned the building and done business there for 34 years.



The Haliburton ATV Association invites residents to take part in a survey regarding ATV use in the Haliburton Highlands. Already this fast growing sport has made a significant impact on the region and residents are encouraged to give their views and opinions in order to plan and manage future issues.

The short 13 question survey is available online at <a href="https://www.haliburtonchamber.com">www.haliburtonchamber.com</a>.

Alternatively a survey form will be mailed upon request. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (705) 286-1760 (Toll free 1-877-881-6111) or drop in to 5 Bobcaygen Road, Minden, ON.

The survey is funded in part by a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

# Wild Orchid closing

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Time is running out to dine at the Wild Orchid.

The Thai restaurant will be closing its doors in mid-October as owners Ron Gamble and Suwan Khamduang move on to a new phase in their lives.

The two will be moving to Thailand, where they've built a home on Khamduang's family's rice farm.

"We're both exhausted, mentally and physically," Gamble said last week, before the restaurant opened for the dinner hour.

Mid-afternoon on a weekday and already people were coming in to make reservations for the evening.

Gamble, 77, has owned the building on Invergordon Avenue for 34 years, where he has operated his antiques shop and, for a period, auto business.

For the past decade, the building has also housed the restaurant.

"It's been a wonderful, wonderful 10 years," Gamble said, noting that the Orchid had been called one of the best Thai restaurants in the country and has served meals to a number of celebrities including Kurt Browning, Mike Myers and Goldie Hawn.

Khamduang has lived in Canada for the past 15 years and operated a restaurant in the Pefferlaw area before moving to Minden.

"I love Minden," she said. "It's very nice."

Khamduang typically returns to Thailand at least once a year to see her parents and siblings. She is excited about the idea of seeing them on a regular basis. During the season when the family is not growing and harvesting rice, Khamduang said they keep a silk worm farm.

She is looking forward to making silk.

Gamble will be busy soaking up Asian culture.

"You have to go to the market," he said.

Gamble is putting the building up for sale but if it doesn't sell by next spring, the couple may return to the area, perhaps reopening the Orchid on a take-out basis and maybe even featuring some cooking classes by Khamduang.

Gamble and Khamduang thanked their loyal clientele who have visited so often over the years and the community in general.

They plan to close the restaurant Oct. 16.

### Corrections

In last week's issue of the *Minden Times* the singer pictured on page 23 at the Canoe FM Hoedown was incorrectly identified as Johnny Burke. The singer is Harold MacIntyre. We apologize for the error.

Algonquin Highlands reeve candidate Carol Moffatt's research said that a new runway at the Stanhope Airport would not be required by Ontario's emergency services since the area's hospitals already have helipads, and not that a new runway would not be able to accommodate certain emergency aircraft, as reported in last week's *Times*. Also, Moffatt says it was not her dissatisfaction with the process surrounding the airport expansion project but the call for change from constituents that was her main reason for running for reeve.

# Vandals smash lights atop Dorset tower

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Vandals have struck again in Dorset.

The township discovered last Thursday that someone had climbed the Dorset lookout tower and smashed the aviation lights on top.

The incident came less than a week after someone had broken into the gift shop at the tower, destroying merchandise with a fire extinguisher and just over two weeks since someone broke into the township's Dorset satellite office. stealing a small amount of cash.

Township chief administrative office Juanita Dempster-Evans told the *Times* last week that because the damage to township was less than its minimum deductible - damage to merchandise at the gift shop was estimated just under \$5,000 - it is not covered by the township's insurance policy

icy.

"Every time this happens, it is coming out of the taxpayers' pocket," she said.

Dempster-Evans said \$30,000 in un-budgeted costs for the township equate to a one-per cent tax increase.

"[If it's someone local] they're increasing their own taxes," she said.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said there have been problems with vandalism in Dorset in the past.

"They seem to have escalated a bit this year," Harrison said.

It may be time for council, either the current or incoming one, to have a conversation about the possibility of increased security measures, such as cameras, at the tower site.

She said "It is quite remote, particularly after it closes."

Last week, township trails co-ordinator Mark Coleman told councillors that two kayaks had recently been stolen from the water trails program.

Coleman said he had been told by police that there had been a rash of watercraft thefts throughout central Ontario around the same time the kayaks were stolen from the township.

Members of the Huntsville OPP detachment are investigating the vandalism at the tower, which Const. Peter Leon called "mischief endangering life."

An unlit tower could have led to a plane crash and the loss of life, he said.

"This is very disturbing in the fact someone took the time to climb up there," he said.

Leon said those responsible would be facing criminal charges if caught.

Leon said the Huntsville OPP is upping patrols near the tower in light of the recent vandalism and police are asking the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

### Three charged with assault

Three men have been charged with assault after a confrontation in front of Godfather's Pizza in Minden Aug. 20.

According to police reports, two men were inside the store when four other men walked in.

"The two males then exited the store and were followed outside by the other four males. Once outside the group of four males began assaulting the two customers," the report from Haliburton Highlands OPP reads.

The police were called and the suspects ran off.

Charged in the assault are two Dysart men, 24- and 26years-old, with two counts each.

A 24-year-old London, Ont., man was also charged with two counts of assault.

The investigation is continuing.

# **Neighbours fuming over blasting rock**

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Some Gull Lake residents are upset over a construction project on the lake, but the landowner that is the source of their chagrin says he has the required permission to proceed with the construction of his boathouse.

Gull Lake cottager Patty Aziz contacted the Times earlier this month with concerns about what was happening on a property a few doors down from her family cottage.

Rock blasting and drilling, Aziz said, were taking place to near the shore to make way for a boathouse.

"I don't have a problem with a dock or a boathouse," Aziz said. "I have a problem with the fact they decimated the shoreline."

Earlier this week, a letter to council from cottager Marilyn Hagerman took a more severe tone.

In her letter, Hagerman said she was "disgusted" to hear permission had been granted for the boathouse project and called it "an abuse of the intent of our current bylaws and the well-documented need to protect our environment by allowing the shoreline to return to its natural state . . . and protecting fish habi-

"How can it be possible that people are fined for adding sand to a sandy beach, yet allowing others to destroy a natural rocky slope?" the letter asks.

However, property owners Ed and Linda Litwin have a building permit from Minden Hills township for the project.

According to township staff, that permit was issued in 2006, by the township's previous chief building official.

Building permits can be issued by the CBO of a township and do not have to be approved be council.

While council passed a bylaw in May of 2007 mitigating the construction of shoreline structures, those who were granted permits previous to the decision retained permission to move ahead with their projects.

"I have the permits, no offences, no



**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Gull Lake residents are upset about rock blasting and jackhammering taking place on a property near the lake's north end. The blasting is to make way for a large boathouse that will run along the shore.

issues," Ed told the *Times* earlier this

Following that council decision, letters were issued to those who had been issued building permits for boathouses explaining how the grandfathering process would work.

Township chief building officer Ken Jones said those letters informed permit holders that their projects would have to be started by the end of June, 2008.

While at least one councillor, Barb Reid, remembered the letter including a stipulation that the projects needed to completed within one year, Jones said that under the building act, a municipality cannot force a property owner to complete a project by a certain date.

Rather, Jones said, a building permit can be revoked if it is determined progress is not being made on a project.

Under the building act, Jones said this

means a cessation of work for at least a

Litwin said he plans to complete his boathouse in the spring.

Right now, he said, work on the project has stopped until after Labour Day in an attempt to deal with noise complaints from neighbours.

The issue of rock blasting and drilling comes under the purview of the Ministry of Natural Resources and not the town-

Litwin told the *Times* MNR officials had visited his property and given him permission to proceed with project.

While residents have charged that the blasting and drilling connected to the boathouse project have left large chunks of rock in the lake, Litwin said this is not

"All that rock was there," Litwin said of the large rocks that sit on the shore of his property, some delving into the lake.

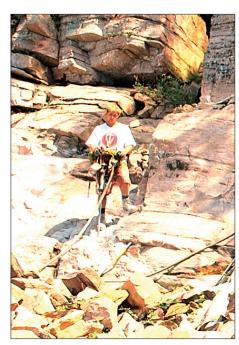
Litwin produced a photograph showing a berm of rock along the shoreline of his property at the beginning of the construction project, before excavation of the boathouse site had begun.

"We need them," he said of the rocks being created from drilling and blasting, explaining they were being kept to be used for stairs and other infrastructure.

Litwin said there was a lot of "misconception and misinterpretation" about

Some residents have lodged complaints with the MNR and the Minden office confirmed that it will be visiting the site to follow up on the complaints.

A number of Gull Lake residents are scheduled to make a delegation to Minden Hills council at its Aug. 26 meet-



A sub-contractor jackhammers rock to make way for a large boathouse along the shore of Gull Lake. The project has angered area residents but the landowner has a permit for the project.



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# points of view

# **Tough decisions**

UNICIPAL POLITICS is a complicated process requiring a fine balance of public input, thought, discussion and adherence to the rules on the part of our elected representatives.

Emotions, of course, should never affect a council's decision, but, especially in the setting of a small community, they can sometimes pop up around a council table.

Planning matters - severances, purchases of road allowances, etc. - are part of any council meeting. Unless precedent-

setting in some way, these stories are rarely reported on since they are generally matters of business between a municipality and a landowner.

However, they can be some of the most difficult issues for a council to deal with.

Last week, a surveyor made a presentation to Algonquin Highlands council, requesting the severance of a lot that would have separated a property containing a cottage into two properties, leaving one of them vacant.

On a lake that is already at capacity, it would have been against the township's official plan to grant a severance that would create a lot with less frontage than required in the plan and with no septic system even in place.

However, in this particular situa-

tion, the family was hoping to retain the cottage and sell the proposed vacant lot to help pay for an ailing relative's tenure in an old-age home.

As is a fairly common occurrence in this county, two lots, after the death of

one family member, had been merged into one under provincial legislation without the family's knowledge.

There was visible anguish on the faces of councillors. Heads were buried in hands during their deliberation and there were many expressions of sympathy for the

**Chad Ingram** 

Reporter

As human beings, as thinking, feeling and compassionate individuals, it was clear councillors would have liked to simply grant the family their request.

However, their duty as elected representatives compelled them to adhere to a land use document created by the democratic process and they voted the severance down.

You will find no story pertaining to this issue in this paper, dear readers. As I said, these things happen all the time and they are usually of no great interest to the general public.

However, these are the trying, often unseen situations that municipal councillors in this county deal with on a regular basis.

Tough decisions indeed.



Beached

**Chad Ingram** Staff reporter

letters to the editor

### Stop the political double-speak

To the Editor,

"My job is to support local council," our Conservative MP Barry Devolin stated publicly last week. This finally confirms what many have long suspected - that his priorities lie with a few dozen councillors and reeves - not the majority of his constituents. And it explains why he's shown himself to be consistently deaf to calls from local people, and blind to their protests.

Instead, Mr. Devolin merrily doles out taxpayer dollars to support hugely unpopular and unnecessary projects. The Stanhope airport expansion and the water-diversion project in Millbrook are two examples.

**Baha'i community** 

Yet the paper-storm of flyers (at our

The Haliburton Baha'i Community

has received reports that seven Iranian

Baha'i leaders (two women and five men)

have each received prison sentences of 20

years. News of these reports has been met

human rights organizations around the

with condemnation from governments and

Australia, Canada, France, Germany and

the president of the European Parliament have all expressed strong statements of con-

cern. They are calling for the prisoners to

be released on bail, for an annulment of the

judgment, and for Iran to demonstrate that

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To the Editor,

expense) with which he barrages our homes, all boldly proclaim that he's "Serving the People" and "Representing Them in Ottawa."

I suggest that Mr. Devolin make up his mind. And that he cease the political doublespeak that so many Canadians have learned to loathe and distrust.

However, if he chooses to continue functioning like a mindless automaton, I believe that the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock would be better served by replacing him with an ATM machine. That would at least save us the \$500,000 a year he's currently costing us.

**Susanne Lauten** Candidate, Green Party of Canada Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock



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### Races are on

To the Editor,

It is a relief to see that, over the last couple of weeks and hopefully in the days to come, there is some openly declared interest in sitting on council in what some might feel is one of the more difficult municipalities in the county.

The greatest fear that many of us out here in Algonquin Highlands have had is that, as has happened so often before, the currently sitting council would merely have to sit back and file their nomination papers on the morning of the 10th of September and. without so much as answering a single question from anyone, head back into the council chamber and carry on as before.

At least now, no matter who wins each of

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# points of view

# **The China Syndrome**

T PRESS TIME, motorists in China are experiencing their ▲10th day of a 62-mile traffic jam. As someone who recently experienced heavy traffic congestion on Fair Day in Wilberforce, I can totally relate. I'm not saying that my experience was any worse than that currently being experienced by drivers in China, I'm just saying I'll never get those five minutes back. Never.

Of course, being stuck in traffic is not easy. I won't soon forget how I felt when, on minute three, our progress stalled for a full 30 seconds while the person three cars up learned to parallel park. Like the dozen or so other stranded motorists in the 50-metre long traffic snarl, I actually considered leaning on my horn.

This, I thought, would at least draw the world media's attention to our plight. Besides, I've always wondered what it sounds like.

If I sound a bit crusty about this you'll have to excuse me; I have now been involved in three traffic jams since moving up here 11 years ago. Two of

these have been in the last four years, so obviously my patience is wearing thin.

As you can well imagine, the Wilberforce incident was a nightmarish experience. For the love of God, it took the better part of six minutes to make it through town. Don't get me wrong; it's a very nice place. But three minutes is all you really need to see this.

Did I experience road rage? Surprisingly, no; but I almost reached a point where I almost felt mild road annoyance. And had the traffic flow been delayed for several more seconds, it might have escalated to road peevishness; this, of course, would have been

immediately followed by minor road irritability. From there on, it's a slippery slope to road rage. In fact, I believe the difference between road rage and minor

road irritability is directly proportionate to how badly you need to go to the washroom or how many kids you have in the car asking, "Are we there yet?'

The point is that if this can happen in the Greater Wilberforce Area (GWA), it can happen in other booming metropolises too. Tory Hill, Lochlin, Irondale and Gelert immediately come to

mind, but I'm sure there are others.

So what are we as drivers going to do about it? How are we going to prepare?

Well, the first thing we need to develop is situational awareness. If we learn to recognize the signs, I believe we can all avoid the kind of massive gridlock the Chinese and I recently experi-

The first sign of a potential traffic jam is actual traffic. Locally, this is characterized by having one or more vehicles in front of yours. I have, on several occasions, experienced this and believe me it's not pretty.

If there are more than two cars ahead of you on any side road in the region, you are probably about to experience major delays of up to three minutes. It doesn't sound like much but, over the course of a year, it adds up.

Most delays generally occur when the fellow in the vehicle in front of you stops to chat with someone driving the other way. But they can also occur when you get stuck following a tractor or horse and buggy. Therefore avoid these. Oh, and any highway in China. Apparently, it's just like Fair Day in Wilberforce over

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com

# **Evening meetings**

**Steve Galea** 

Beyond 35

UDGE a dozing township politician and he'll awake with a start, spewing promises to always do what is best for the community.

Why, just the other day, one aspirant to higher office declared that she had always put her personal opinions aside and done the right thing for her town-

As though a politician's view - or your view, for that matter - of what the right thing might be could be anything but a personal opinion, no matter how wellinformed

Three cheers for anybody in elected office who always tries to see the bigger picture and strives for the greater good, because that trying and striving will always bring you closer to the truth.

But everybody has their own truth, built on a foundation of circumstances and experience, and objectivity on any issue is a mirage that retreats with each step we take toward it.

The objective view of The Brown Dog Jiggs, for example, is that he should be taking me for a long walk in the August sunshine instead of watching me write this column.

Most of us agree with Jiggs and think that local politics is a dreary subject on any day of the year. Besides, if we don't vote, we can spend the next four years complaining.

But election day is only two months

away and so I postpone our walk to intrude on your summer reverie with a complaint about democracy as it is practised in rural Ontario.

While the fulltime work of governing us provincially and federally is being taken up by young men and women, rural local government is an old boys' (only occasionally girls') hobby.

When they first took office, our prime minister and our premier were both younger than most members of the current Minden Hills council and the next election isn't likely to change that much.

No young woman or man with a good day job, a family to raise and a mortgage to pay is likely to risk it all to serve on a council that holds its meetings while he or she is supposed to be at work.

Asking a boss to structure your work schedule to fit your political hobby raises questions about your priorities. And some work, everything from teaching to logging, can be done only in the daytime.

Clear those workplace hurdles and then figure out how to persuade your family to trade vacation

days for your twice-a-month Thursdays at the council In theory, the gift of local government is that it lets

ordinary men and women hold office and make decisions on the future of the place where they live.

In practice, rural council tables are the preserve of retirees and entrepreneurs,

who also tend to be old, because it takes years to build a business solid enough to let you take time off.

There's nothing wrong with being old. As for me, I prefer it to the alternative.

Age produces wisdom, or ought to, but youth brings fresh ideas to the table. Anybody who thinks the truth of the young mother working the lumber desk is the same as that of the grandfather who owns the lumber store has an odd view of human nature.

Politicians will tell you that daytime meetings are more efficient. On

council days, bureaucrats work at their desks until it's their turn to deliver their reports. Council day is barely a ripple in their working lives.

That's a weak argument. They could also be at their desks in the evening, working without ringing phones to interrupt them, waiting for their turn before council, taking time off, perhaps long weekends, in lieu of their evening

Why, ordinary voters would even be able to bring their troubles to council without having to take a day off to present them.

Trouble is, the system we have right now works just fine for the people who operate it. Nobody has to work nights and not many politicians at any level ever find anything wrong with a system that put them in office in the first place.

Whoever gets elected, it looks as though our councils in Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands will be dominated by newcomers.

Perhaps fresh faces would open their council's doors to messy democracy by meeting in the evening. Ask the candidates when they ask for your vote.

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**Neil Campbell** Back of Beyond

### Varying water levels on County Road 121 a coincidence?

To the Editor,

Wetlands are important. They are a joy to look at and interesting to study. I feel privileged just to observe many natural dramas that play out on a regular basis. Wetlands contain hundreds of species including insects, frogs, butterflies, moths, fish and a variety of mammals. These include otters, fishers, martens and moose.

Wetlands even filter our water.

There are many professionals and groups attempting to educate the human race against wanton destruction of our valuable resources. In Haliburton County we are fortunate to have easy access to this knowledge and expertise. R.D. Lawrence Place, Friends of the Rail Trail, Out to Learn, Discovery Days, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Junior Naturalist camps, the Fish Hatchery, the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve and the Ministry of Natural Resources are just a few who are generous with their encouragement in the quest to work with nature in all its forms.

I live on County Road 121, between Minden and Kinmount. Many people are now familiar with the sad and ugly sight of a number of beaver ponds, which have recently drained, with or without help from the Haliburton County Roads Department.

The beaver dams have held for decades by coincidentally they let go at the very time the Haliburton County Roads Department had planned to replace culverts in these ponds. This occurrence was probably due to heavy rainfall, they said. The Haliburton County road crew on site said the culvert

work now taking place was not scheduled, but because of the draining of the ponds the work is being done now.

This is at odds with the Haliburton County engineering services manager, Sylvan Cloutier, who confirmed the work has been scheduled for some time. Cloutier has stated that to his knowledge, no one tampered with the dams. This is all a fortunate coincidence for the roads department.

Not so lucky for life in the ponds. One pond is totally drained. Approximately four feet of water over a 10,000square-foot area rushed in a torrent off into the bush beyond. Oddly enough, I don't recall that damaging, pelting rainfall at my place next door. Indeed the adjoining pond on my property rose not an inch.

The second pond is located just north of the junction of the County Road 121 and Gelert Raod (previously County Road 1). This was a much larger meandering waterway of pond and stream, crisscrossing the road more than once. A few feet of water drained from this waterway facilitated the roadwork without the road crew getting wet.

What a coincidence.

I notice on the 2010 community projects calendar for the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council a "wetlands demonstration site." I wonder if any Haliburton County roads workers have signed up. Just for informational purposes, you under-

Anything else would be strictly coincidental.

Karen LeClair

## Former protester appalled

To the Editor,

I am surprised, at times, by the letters I see in your paper and a recent one caught my eye and raised the hair on the back of my neck.

As a former protester in the '60s and '70s I was amazed at the way people reacted to the incidents that took place during the G20. I don't normally talk about my experiences while protesting. Maybe it is because it was a long time ago, or maybe it is because the things we stood for then, are taken for granted now. One thing that we stood for was peaceful protest. The few times I can remember where a protester did some damage, we were the ones who stopped them and handed them over to the authorities. The people who took part in the demonstrations in Toronto seemed to think that they had no responsibility to the innocent people in the city who had their property damaged by irresponsible

Yes, I have been arrested. It was in Georgia in 1963 when we were trying to register black voters. We were treated in ways that people today would find extremely disgusting, but we all survived and got on with our lives. So Mr. Smith, have fun in the courtrooms of Toronto. I only hope that every person that stood by and watched others burn cars, break windows, and steal property, are found guilty of whatever they are charged with.

If you had really wanted to show up the government you could have all stayed home and proved that the money that was spent on security was wasted.

**Tom Brennand** Kitchener

### Spectacular entertainment

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to offer my congratulations on just some of the spectacular performances we have enjoyed this summer and thank the hosts and volunteers that have made these events, and others, possible for so many people to enjoy! The many laughs at the Buddy Holly Lives! event (Pinestone assisted by Canoe FM), the Country Hoe Down (sponsored by Canoe FM, held at the Minden Arena) Johnny Burke and the East Wind, local Ryan VanLeishout, Don Cochrane, Harold McIntyre - what a performance! Hats off to all of the Minden Agricultural Society volunteers for yet another successful County Fair well attended despite the weather.

Also, special thanks to Michael Fay and volunteers for the performance of the Golden Slipper (Minden Hills Cultural Centre) and the Friday nights Music on the Gull (coordinated by Glen Carter - sponsored by the Minden Lion's Club). Another great eventfilled summer we have all enjoyed, thanks to many of the volunteers that make all of these local quality events possible for our entertainment - and it's not over! Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer in Minden Hills!

Reeve Jim McMahon

### Voters will decide if incumbents have learned from last term

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the positions at the table come election time, nobody will be able to avoid hearing and responding to the concerns of the voters. Current members will have their records to tout (or defend) and all candidates will have to clearly state positions on the issues facing this municipality for the next few years.

I suppose that it would be silly to ignore the fact that there is one matter that holds the attention of the folks in our township to a greater degree than the others, (just as most people who take the time to read this letters page will have a pretty good idea where I stand on that issue) but no one should be running or basing their voting preferences on a single project or policy.

The airport expansion, like any other major initiative by a council, needs to be seen in relation to everything else that the township does or should be doing; reasonable planning measures and fair and open processes need to be followed, and

basic priorities must be protected.

It is difficult enough for all residents, young families as well as our rapidly growing retired population, to afford taxes which should be covering important basic services without having to deal with increases due to non-essentials. The next council will have to fully consider all impacts and work towards creative solutions to real needs.

Most importantly, though, I would think that anyone who wants to have any real hope of being on the next council will have to be willing to work openly with the people they say they want to represent.

It may well be that some of the incumbents coming into this election have learned or can learn from the last term that will be for them to prove and the voters to decide. This year, however, the voters will have a choice, and they should inform themselves and take advantage of the opportunity.

> **Andy Muirhead** Little Cameron Lake - Stanhope

### Seven Baha'i leaders unjustly sentenced 20 years

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the trial was fair and in accordance with international standards.

Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lawrence Cannon, said that Canada was "deeply disturbed" by the sentences that were "passed without either written judgments or due process." He urged Iran to grant bail to the prisoners.

Germany described the outcome of the trial as a "massive setback for all those who engage themselves for the promotion of human dignity and human rights in Iran."

France expressed its "consternation" at the

At a press briefing, Christine Fages, a French Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, stated that Iranian authorities should stop persecuting Baha'is and other religious minorities and "respect the freedom of religion and conscience as defined by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Iran has freely signed up."

Australia has also shared its deep concern at the sentences.

"We continue to call on Iran to ensure that all trials are fair and transparent and conducted in accordance with Iran's International obligations," said a spokesman for the Australian government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

International human rights organizations

have additionally joined the chorus of protest against the reported prison sentences.

The International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran said the sentencing of the Baha'i leaders was "politically motivated, discriminatory, unjust, and illegal under Iranian and International law. They have been sentenced for being Baha'is, nothing else, and their incarceration thus expresses a policy of oppression of the Baha'i Faith and its members," said Aaron Rhodes, spokesperson for the campaign.

Amnesty International described the Baha'i leaders as "prisoners of conscience jailed solely on account of their beliefs or peaceful activities on behalf of the persecuted Baha'i minority."

"For more than two years now, the Iranian authorities have utterly failed to provide the slightest shred of evidence indicating any basis for detaining these seven Baha'i leaders, let alone sentencing them to 20 years in prison," said Joe Stork, deputy director of the Middle East division at Human Rights Watch.

Diane Ala'i, Baha'i representative to the United Nations in Geneva, said that the Baha'i International Community deeply appreciates the committed support so far by governments and human rights organizations, as do the members of the Baha'i Community in Halibur-

> John Heginbottom Baha'is of Minden Hills



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### Annual Great Green Garage Sale

#### **R.D. Lawrence Place**

Saturday, September 11, 2010 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

An enviro-fair with bargains, entertainment etc. In celebration of R.D. Lawrence's Birthdate.

Food & Beverages available next door at Molly's Bistro & Bakery



R.D. Lawrence Place is at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre www.mindenculturalcentre.com

#### **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

This will confirm that the Township of Minden Hills will be commencing reconstruction of the Bobcaygeon Road (east side) sidewalk, starting at Parkside Avenue south to Invergordon. All businesses have been advised and all businesses are OPEN FOR BUSINESS. Please adhere to all signage for your safety. Your patience is appreciated while we are under construction. It takes four days for the sidewalk to cure for vehicular traffic and one day for pedestrian traffic. Access to businesses is being provided (vehicular where possible) and pedestrian. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact L. Cunliffe (705) 286-1260 ext 215.

#### **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

The Township of Minden Hills will be commencing construction of the new crosswalk, located at Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Avenue (north side), as soon as possible. Work crews will be working on both sides of the Bobcaygeon Road in that location. Please be aware of all construction signs and hazards in the area of the construction. If you have any questions, kindly direct them to Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent at (705) 286-3144. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

#### **Meetings and Events**

August 26th - (9:00 a.m.) Council

August 28th - Kash End of Summer Dash

**September 4th** – 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Household Hazardous Waste Day Scotch Line

**September 4th** – Logs Rock and Steel Event www.logsrocksandsteel.com

September 7th – Revisions to Voters' List Start

**September 10th** – 2:00 p.m. Nomination Day

**September 11th** – 9:00 a.m. Great Green Garage Sale - R.D. Lawrence Place

September 12th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Free Public Skating

September 13th -2:30-6:30~p.m. Blood Donor Clinic - S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

September 17th - final tax bill due

**September 17th-19th** – Crank the Shield (www.chicoracing.com)

September 19th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Terry Fox Run (start upper Arena parking lot) mindenterryfoxrun@interhop.net

**September 19th** – Cemetery Decoration Day, Minden Cemetery

September 20th – Voter Kits Mailed Out

September 30th - 9:00 a.m. Council

September 30th - Gordon Monk Award deadline



#### lance Institute Control

Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition
Until September 11, 2010 7pm in the common room

JURORS: Virginia Eichhorn, Rhona Wenger, Laurie Carmount A call for submission was sent out in January to landscape artists in an attempt to rejuvenate this neglected genre yet essential part of Canadian culture. This exhibition takes a new approach to Canadian landscape. Divided into two categories, this exhibition revisits the aesthetic movement of traditional to the evolutionary non-traditional landscape work.

#### **Culture Club - Summer**

Twice weekly, August 2010

10 am - 4 pm

Attention parents and grandparents! Minden Hills Cultural Centre has it all for kids this Summer. Join ½ day programs, full day programs or get involved for the whole summer. Kids will explore art, the environment, literature and heritage with local professionals at our lovely interactive complex which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and R.D. Lawrence Place. There's something in store for the Culture Vulture in every kid!

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or 705-286-2808

Fridays in August 7:00 p.m. Music by the Gull Tuesday and Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. Zumba Minden Comm. Ctr \$5.00 Fridays August 20th to Sept 10th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Shinny Program, Ages Atom-Bantam, Full Equipment Required, No Charge.

#### **NOTICE OF FINANCE MEETING**

You are welcome to attend the next Finance Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Pritchard Lane, Minden at 9:00 a.m. on October 8th. 2010.

#### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Your final 2010 tax bill is due on September 17, 2010. In order to avoid penalty your payment must be received in the Municipal Office by this date. Penalty at the rate of 1 ¼% per month is added to all past due taxes on the first day of each and every month until your account is paid in full.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account. The final Newsletter sent out with your final tax bill is prepared to keep you advised and provides a substantial amount of information regarding the Township of Minden Hills.



#### 2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION?

If you are interested in assisting as an Election Official during the evening of Monday, October 25th, 2010, please contact:

Vicki Bull, (705) 286-1260 ext 212 or email: vbull@mindenhills.ca

Cheryl McCarroll, (705) 286-1260 ext. 214 or e-mail: cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca

APPLICATIONS TO AMEND THE VOTERS' LIST The 2010 Municipal Election is being conducted by Vote by Mail. It is important for electors to ensure that they are on the Voters' List

Applications to amend the Voters' List will be processed starting on Tuesday, September 7th, 2010, however, we encourage individuals to contact our office in advance of this date to ensure that we have the correct information.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT For more information regarding participation on the Compliance Audit Committee, please access the Township's website, www.mindenhills.ca or by attending the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street

Cheryl McCarroll Clerk/Returning Officer



#### WHAT WARD ARE YOU IN?

Ward 1: geographic Townships of Anson,

Hindon & Minden

Ward 2: geographic Township of Lutterworth

Ward 3: geographic Township of Snowdon

Check the Township's website, www.mindenhills.ca for more election details.

IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS, PLEASE CALL: 1-866-856-3247. FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1







A large crowd gathered Friday night to watch the fair's inaugural pony pull.

Chad Ingram Times staff





Jordy Schell and dog Rosie were were part of parade of pooches and handlers that took part in a mutt show the evening of Aug. 20.



There was no shortage of sheep on display. And what trip to the fair would be complete without a ride on the Tilt-A-Whirl?

# MTO to close lake access



The following are brief reports from an Aug. 19 Algonquin Highlands council meeting

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

The Ministry of Transportation will be closing a lake access point on Kushog Lake next month.

The ministry plans to have the property, located adjacent to Noah's Lane off Highway 35, gated by Sept. 7 and a letter received by Algonquin Highlands last week said the ministry planned to put up signage to notify the public in advance of the closure.

The letter also stated that the township's fire chief, John Hogg, had indicated he would like the township to retain access to the property for emergency services purposes. The letter suggested the township could either become a key holder to the gate property or simply buy it.

Councillors were opposed to the prospect of purchas-

ing the property.

Some docks have been built at the access point over the years and councillors acknowledged that some residents would be unhappy with the ministry's decision.

#### Council wants help with Crown Lake

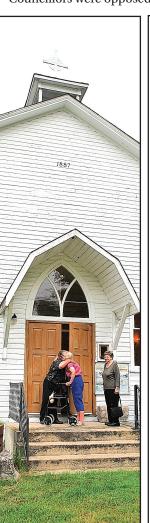
Algonquin Highlands council is requesting a face-toface meeting with MNR representatives with regards to partying and camping at a public access point on Crown Lake.

The provincially owned access point is used by many township ratepayers to access their cottages.

While the township had requested the ministry's help in dealing with the ongoing problem at a recent council meeting, the ministry is not ready to lend much of a helping hand, according to township trails coordinator Mark Coleman.

"I'm not sure we're going to get a satisfactory response," Coleman told councillors last week.

Councillor Don Shortreed lamented that he'd met with the ministry a couple of years ago concerning the problem and that it hadn't done any good.



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**Haliburton Highlands Secondary School** Registration for the School Year 2010-2011 rillium

Monday, August 30th, 2010 Tuesday, August 31st, 2010 Wednesday, September 1st, 2010

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12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - closed 5:30 - 6:30

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Note: Outstanding textbooks and library books/fines must be paid prior to registration.

#### SPIRIT PACKAGE TO BE PURCHASED AT REGISTRATION

Debit Card Machine will be available - Visa, Mastercard and Bank Acct. Access Please note the two packages available to suit individual student needs

#### Basic Package - \$35

- Student Handbook
- Student Picture I.D. Cards
- Student Activity Council Events
- Spirit Days
- Barbecue
- Motivational Speaker (etc.)

#### Yearbook Package - \$75

- Yearbook
- Student Handbook
- Student Picture I.D. Cards
- Student Activity Council Events
- Spirit Days
- Barbecue
- Motivational Speaker (etc.)

#### **RED HAWK ATHLETIC FEE - \$50**

#### Payment at registration is encouraged (refundable if a non-participant)

- One time fee covers participation in one or more sports for the entire school year
- Funds assist in transportation (busing) costs to all schedule games/tournaments
- Covers Athletic Banquet dinner and awards costs
- Uniforms and equipment provided on some teams

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting, if necessary. Everyone is welcome. Parent Nomination Forms may be picked up during Registration Week.

#### SEMESTER 1 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2010

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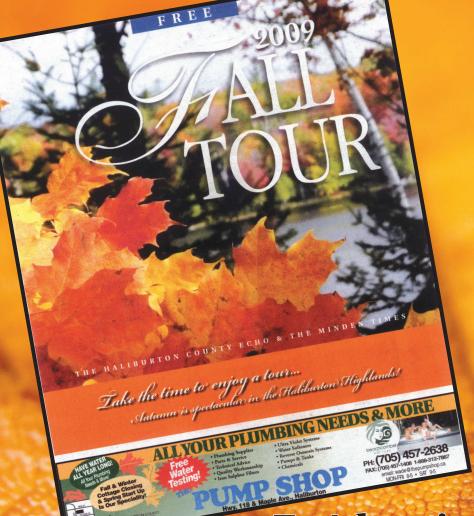
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### Leaving the Highlands may be only way to get marijuana licence

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be charged, but that the amount confiscated had to be

On Monday he was served papers by police.

"I've attempted to get a license [to use marijuana medically]," Pinney said, but doctors in the county are loath to prescribe something so controversial.

"Doctors in this area don't want to," he said.

So he has smoked pot for years anyway and until now has never had any trouble with the police - even though he publicly disclosed that he grew and smoked marijuana in an article in the *Haliburton Echo* in 2001

Since then he said the police have known he had a small amount for personal use and have left him alone.

During his time at Hyland Crest, where he moved in December after being stuck in his bed for three days during a snowstorm, Pinney claims he never smoked in the building, but would retreat to a secluded place.

Paul Rosebush, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which runs the long-term care facility said he could not comment on specific patient situations, but noted that Hyland Crest must uphold the laws of the coun-

Pinney thinks he was reported to the police because staff might have thought "any patient could walk in and find it," but stresses that he always kept his bag of marijuana hid-

Pinney currently has his name on two waiting lists for assisted living in Oakville and Lindsay, where he hopes he can find a doctor who will recommend the use of marijuana for his MS. "It should be recognized as a treatment, not as some drug to get high on. I wouldn't smoke mari-



Jenn Watt Times staff

Jeff Pinney has been dealing with the negative effects of MS by using marijuana for 30 years. He was recently charged with possession after his supply was found in his Hyland Crest room.

juana unless I was in this condition with MS," he said. smoke, Pinney is on his own, forced to either quit smoking But until he can find a doctor to help him get a license to

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# Bill Obee leaving politics, not community

**Chad Ingram** Staff reporter

> Bill Obee is not good at retirement. But he is trying.

After 12 years serving the people of Minden Hills, mostly as one of two councillors for Ward 1, Obee will not be seeking re-election in the October election.

At 67, Obee, a retired engineer for the county, said his decision to exit politics came largely from his desire to free up more time to travel.

Wife Penny, a retired principal, is running a travel business in her retirement and Obee said both have agreed to cut back their hours so they might spend more of them together.

Obee reflects fondly on the time he's spent in municipal politics, first as an appointed councillor for the township of Anson, Hindon and Minden following a death and then as a councillor in the amalgamated municipality of Minden

"I think I've given a lot to the community," he said earlier this week. "With roads having been my background, I think that what we've accomplished on our roads and bridges has been excel-

Obee said there was a transition period from municipal employee to municipal councillor since it's a councillor's job to



set policy and he'd been used to being the guy to administer it.

<sup>i</sup>I'd tell staff members, 'Make sure I'm not doing your job," he recalled.

Obee said the township is blessed with an incredible staff.

"The dedication is pretty phenomenal," he said.

He remembers the days of amalgamation as an exciting time.

"It was extremely interesting to do," he

While there were some challenges in amalgamating a number of townships

into four main lower-tier municipalities, Obee said he thinks the story of amalgamation in Haliburton County has been a successful one.

"I think it has worked," he said. "Everyone is on a more level playing field. Those that changed [status] have gone up, not

In Minden Hills, Obee said the creation of the cultural centre and the township's Riverwalk are two projects he's extremely proud to have been a part of.

"No matter when you come into town, there is someone walking on the Riverwalk," he said.

Bill Obee

running for

re-election

after 12

in local

politics.

/Chad

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years

is not

Obee predicts that Minden Hills will continue to flourish and pointed to the new subdivision off Deep Bay Road and the fact Minden has a Tim Hortons has a positive sign that the community is able to attract investment.

"I still feel Canadian Tire will be coming," he said.

The company has said it is waiting until the township completes its water tower to build a store on property it owns at the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street.

Looking to the future, Obee said he thinks Minden Hills could use a smaller council, with five members instead of the current seven.

"Do we really need a seven-person council?" he asked. "I don't think there's a need to have seven people."

Obee said decreasing the size of council would also mean some financial savings for the township.

He said he thought it was also time for the township to switch to electronic agen-

As far as Obee's future, he plans to continue his work with a number of community groups including but not limited to the HCDC board, the Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation, the Minden Rotary Club and Minden's food bank.

"So, I'm not stepping away from doing things for the community," he said.

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# Haliburton media to host allcandidates meetings

The Haliburton Echo, Minden Times, County Voice, Canoe FM and the Moose FM will jointly host four all-candidates meetings in September. Please come out to meet the candidates in your municipality.

Times to be announced

Highlands East: Saturday, Sept. 11, Lloyd Watson Centre

Minden Hills: Sunday, Sept. 12, Minden Community Centre

Dysart: Saturday, Sept. 18, Great Hall of Fleming College

Algonquin Highlands: Sunday, Sept. 19, Stanhope Community Centre

All candidates who have already signed their nomination papers will be contacted during the next week with more details.

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There was no shortage of corn for participants.



Derrell and Kim Stamp had the evening's most important job - cooking the corn.

# **Fun day on Soyers Lake**



**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Families of the Soyers Lake Ratepayers' Association gathered on the flats near Lakeview Lodge at the lake's north end on Aug. 21 for an annual corn roast. The event has been a tradition on the lake for some 40 years.



This raw egg toss was a popular game for parents and children and ended messily for some.



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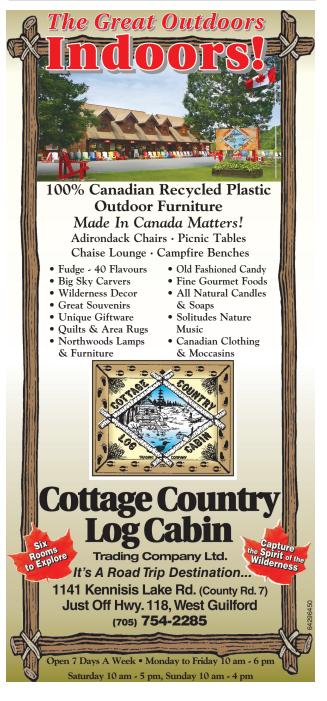
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# How many of our county's native snakes are poisonous?

f you know the answer to this question, you could win a beautiful work of art: an oak burl bowl by Guy Ouellet.

Question: How many of our native snakes in Haliburton County and area are poisonous? The answer is either (a) three, (b) six, (c) zero, or (d) one.

We will pull a random name from amongst the correct answers at the end of the summer for the winner.

You can enter one answer per person per question. Please include your name and contact information along with the correct response for a chance to win. Answers must come in before the Monday following the Cottage Times print date. Send your answer to the Echo: editor@haliburtonecho.ca, fax it to 457-3275 or 146 Highland St., Haliburton.

Last week's question asked readers to identify a photo of the endangered spotted turtle. Easily identified by the yellow spots covering the turtle's shell and head. This species is in serious decline due to habitat loss and illegal collection of the species, as well as road deaths where roads intersect migration routes. To report a sighting of this turtle, alive or dead, record the exact location where you "spotted" it, take a picture if you can, and contact species at risk biologist Graham Cameron at Graham.cameron@ontario.ca or 613-332-3940, ext. 219. If you suspect illegal collection or trade of a spotted turtle, you can report this to the conservation authorities at 1-877- TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

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# Interested in a forest management workshop?

he Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, in partnership with the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network and the Ministry of Natural Resources will be hosting their annual forest management workshop on Friday, Sept. 10, at the Dorset Recreational Centre.

This informative, one-day workshop is part of the ongoing Stewardship Series Workshop format that is in its 12th year of offering land stewardship education programs to landowners, cottagers, naturalists and those with a general interest in learning more about our natural resources.

Titled Management Options for Your Woodlot the Sept. 10 workshop will cover topics such as what forest management options are available for landowners, common tree defects and their impact on forest health, managing the woodlot for wildlife and a provincial forest health overview looking at environmental impacts of invasive species.

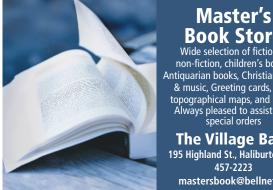
Following the morning session and lunch, participants will have an opportunity to visit both managed and unmanaged woodlots in the Dorset area as well as learn how to identify some of the tree defects discussed in the morning session.

Each participant will also receive a free copy of the second edition of A Landowner's Guide to Selling Standing Timber - Managing your woodlot for profit and pleasure.

The workshop runs out of the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with registration starting at 8:15 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person, and this includes the inside morning session, lunch, field trip and take home material.

For more information or to register please contact either Trevor Griffin, at 705-646-5519, Trevor.griffin@ ontario.ca or Nicole Tuyten, at 705-286-5206, Nicole. tuyten@ontario.ca. Early registration is encouraged for this very popular workshop.





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# Developing tangible solutions for environmental sustainability

cott Phipps is the son of Fred and Judy Phipps. Scott was away when his mom and dad moved to the Highlands in the '90s, but he was familiar with the area from cottaging here when he was a kid.

Phipps grew up in Uxbridge. He graduated with honours in political science from Concordia University in Montreal, and obtained a master of sciences degree in communications and international development,

from the London School of Economics.

For his master's, Phipps travelled to Cuba to videotape the effects of the U.S. blockade/embargo on the country. He lived with different families throughout Cuba when he was taping his project, in order to get a feeling of how the embargo was affecting the general population. He also inter-



Interesting

the embassies in Cuba, including U.S. authorities, who threatened to confiscate his footage.

In 1997, after his Cuban experience, Phipps designed courses in international development and taught at Concordia University. In '98 he left Concordia to accept a position as a consultant with the federal government of Canada. He was responsible for helping develop programs whereby various government departments 'could become more sustainable in day-to-day and long-term operations."

His consultancy expertise led Phipps through a series of governmental contracts. Much of his time was spent writing up reports on such topics as HIV/AIDS in Africa and visible minorities in the public sector.

"I like to tackle big issues," says Phipps, "and I enjoyed providing agencies and individuals with data and information to enable them to contend with issues on the international stage."

Later on, he also wrote press and news releases on behalf of government departments, and wrote speeches for, and was an advisor to, various Members of Parliament.

In 2005 Phipps left the confines of Canadian government circles to take up a position in Taipei, Taiwan, as the international relations manager for Clean Computing, where he spent most of his time "travelling the world to establish environmentally responsible technologies in developing nations." While doing this, Phipps wrote

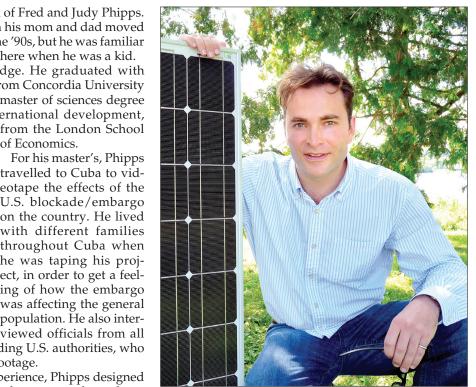


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Scott Phipps and a super-efficient solar panel.

numerous technical documents, conducted presentations and headed various projects. Among the projects was "the first solar and wind powered computer community centre and the world's first Clean PC.

Canada has a bad reputation globally in environmental sustainability and responsibility, and it's one of the developed world's least progressive countries. Phipps would like to do something about that situation. In 2007, while he was still in Taipei he started his own company, Clean Development Group (CDG) Inc., and in 2009 he relocated the company to Haliburton.

Phipps has worked in many developing nations throughout the world, and he has firsthand experience of programs which, while aimed at assisting underprivileged people, failed at the level of implementation. No matter how great conceptually the program is, "if it's not tangible it's useless," Phipps states. "I wanted to find real ways to solve the problems." CDG is a

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company that "provides solar, wind and micro-hydro energy and information and communications technology (ICT) to governments, communities, companies and individuals around the world. The focus of the group is directly addressing issues of environmental sustainability, which is accomplished through building a full-scale project group that does everything from the original designing of each renewable energy and ICT project right through to its equipment, manufacturing, construction and technology transfer training." Technology transfer training is an important element of sustainability because when a project is over it ensures that local people are left with the knowledge to carry on the project.

Recently Phipps submitted a comprehensive document on Clean Energy Systems which was commissioned by the municipality of Dysart. The document deals with environmentally friendly ways to help save energy and generate clean energy by way of solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, wind turbine and micro hydro

So what energy source does Scott Phipps ideally envision for homes in our climate? Not surprisingly he reveals a super-efficient solar panel.

Phipps still keeps a residence in Taipei, and he's looking for a home locally. In the meantime, and when he's not working, he likes to record music. He writes, sings, plays all the instruments and has recorded his retropop pieces in various studios throughout the world.

Someone else with his musical talent might opt for the limelight, but the calling for Scott Phipps is the big issues stage of international development.



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Steve Galea, left and Chad Ingram were surprised how fast sheep could run while they visited a farm on Duck Lake Road.

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# **Back to basics**

Awkward Moments column by Chad Ingram • Photos by Jenn Watt

hat's it, this is disgusting," Steve Galea said, throwing down his sandwich.

That sandwich consisted of a few dahs of

That sandwich consisted of a few dabs of mustard squeezed between two soggy potato chips.

"We can't go on like this!"

I had to admit the ketchup packet I was drinking through a straw wasn't exactly hitting the spot.

The meagre pay the company gave us – we were

typically paid in cans of change – was barely enough for Galea to keep a roof over his family's head and just enough for me to maintain my addiction to buying infomercial collector's plates.

Lunch had become a pretty sad affair around the office, with us getting by on meals whose main ingredients were usually condiments we'd stolen from local eateries.

The previous day, my lunch had involved drinking barbecue sauce I'd hidden in a sock.

How I'd managed to retain my robust figure during this time of malnutrition was a mystery even to me.

Galea said he'd heard of this group of people, many of whom belonged to an organization called the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, who were big on producing a lot of their own food.

"Maybe they could show us how to grow and raise our own food," he said. "No more eating cheese out of discarded pizza boxes."

The next day we met Angel Taylor at her Duck Lake Road farm.

"You know, there are a lot of benefits to local food," Taylor told us. "You're not getting a lot of the pesticides, fertilizers and additives you get with commercially produced food that has been shipped great distances. Because there's far less shipping, it's also more sustainable for the environment and it tastes better."

"Oh yeah, I always consume local food," Galea said, informing her that the relish packet in his pocket had been taken directly from a Haliburton restaurant.

While a little late in the season, Taylor showed us how to plant carrots, corn and beans.

Galea reasoned that if the beans went well, we could maybe climb one of the stalks and find ourselves a giant golden harp that we could pawn off.

We waited and waited. Five minutes. Ten minutes. Two whole hours later, our crops still showed no sign of growing.

"Clearly, we're doing something wrong," I said.

"The bean gods are angry," Galea concurred.

Taylor was nowhere to be found, but her sheep flock was wandering around a nearby pasture.

"Look at those sheep," Galea said. "They look ...."
"Frigging delicious?" I asked.



delicious?" I asked.

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Steve and Chad get caught taking some fresh garlic on the Taylor farm.

# You milk sheep, right?

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"No, stupid," he said. "Everyone knows you don't eat sheep. You milk them."

Galea said he'd heard of people who kept sheep for their milk and the cheese one could produce from their milk.

I'd always thought those were goats, but being much, much older than me, I figured Galea must be right.

Being stealthy as we could, we took cover in a nearby squash patch as we tracked our prey. The fact the patch was growing out of a pile a manure may have been an issue for some, but as an employee of a newspaper, you get used to standing waist-deep in dung.

The thing about sheep that some people may not realize is that they're incredibly fast.

And surprisingly violent.

Not only were we unsuccessful in catching up with any sheep, some of them actually began chasing us.

I'm pretty sure I heard one swear at me and Galea and we felt lucky to escape the pasture with our lives.

It was then we stumbled across a chicken coop, where several young chickens were grazing in the yard.

With visions of rotisseries dancing in our heads, we entered the coop.

Picking up chicks can be tricky business. It came as no surprise to me though that I was better at picking up chicks than Galea, and soon, I had a number of them crawling all over me.

Galea was busy tying tiny nooses, but

I couldn't bring myself to consume my new feathered friends. They were meant to go on to live long, happy chicken lives and lay lots of eggs.

"I'm starving," Galea complained.
"We've come so far. We can't go back to eating cold French fries off cafeteria floors."

I knew he was right.

In Taylor's barn we found a freshly picked crop of garlic drying. Though we knew we ran the risk of stinking as much as our writing did, this was it.

"Besides," Galea said. "I hear garlic is good for warding off vampires."

Galea said he'd seen a vampire at his daughter's baseball game the night before, counting balls and strikes.

There was a long silence.

Suddenly Taylor appeared, wielding a pitchfork.

"Wait just a garlic-picking moment," she said.

Galea and I made a break for it.

I understand that we are still on the market association's most-wanted list and are possibly the only people in the history of the world to be banned from a farmers' market.

But man, that locally grown garlic was delicious.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is holding a celebration of local food during its market from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27 beside That Place in Carnarvon. Along with an assortment of locally grown and produced foods for sale, there will education about the importance of local food, musical entertainment and activities for children.



Chad and Steve hide out in the pumpkin patch away from the pitchfork weilding farmer.



# Local talent kicks off Minden Fringe

Column and photos by Angelica Blenich

t was standing-room-only at the kick-off to the third annual Minden Fringe on Aug. 14, held in the loft at Wintergreen.

The evening's events included the performance of Radio Nowhere, a one-man show written and performed by Aaron King.

Centred on the portrait of a physics student and a musician, Radio Nowhere delves into the world of theories and explanations.

Following King's production members of the audience were treated to a performance from the Highlands Community Playback Theatre, an improv troupe bringing to life stories supplied by the audience.

Described as stories from the edge, performers acted

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Playwright and actor Aaron King performs a monologue from his one-man show Radio Nowhere at Wintergreen on Aug. 14 as part of the Minden Fringe festival. The theme of the show revolves around a portrait of a physics student and a musician analyzing the world in which they live.

out scenes of courage and fear.

The evening also featured comedic performances from Fringe hosts Sheryl Loucks and Vicki Rodden.

Dazzling the audience with unrehearsed wit and camaraderie, Loucks and Rodden played off each other's alter egos, resulting in electric entertainment.

Launched in 2008, Minden Fringe is a showcase of local talent featuring writers, directors, actors and performing artists. The festival aims to create a fringe to mainstream theatre, as a result fostering local culture

Minden Fringe continues on Aug. 27 with And the Word Was by Marci Mandel and The Edge – Stories of Fear and Courage by the Highlands Community Playback Theatre. The show starts at 7 p.m. under the big top at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden and costs \$12 at the door, \$5 for youth 12 to 16 and free for kids under 12. Call 286-3763 for more information.



At right, hosts of the Minden Fringe festival Sheryl Loucks, left, and Vicky Rodden are up to their usual antics between performances at Wintergreen on

### Farmers' market extends season

he Haliburton County Farmers' Market is pleased to extend the market four additional weeks, in response to widespread interest in an extended market that reflects the abundance of pro-

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duce available in the late summer and early fall. Sue and Ed Yallop, owners of That Place in Carnarvon, have generously supported the decision as have local business owners Brad and Cathy of Northland Marine who provide parking to the market vendors.

This is the market's first year at the Carnarvon location after its inaugural season in the village of Haliburton. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive regarding the market location, operation and variety of vendors and products. At the extended market customers can expect to enjoy a variety of seasonal produce, preserves, baked goods and artisan crafts. A harvest market is planned for the final day of Friday, Oct. 8. Student volunteers and others interested in getting involved with the market can contact Angela McGreevy at 457-9843.

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'll tell you what makes ol' Maybelle's blood boil. It's socalled experts telling folks things that just aren't true. I'm talking about major general-citations, don'tcha know.

Like: everybody needs to get SEVEN hours of sleep a night. Wait a minute! **EVERY BODY?** 

You? Me? Vilma Yuccch? Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom? Beanpole Starkman? Stix Tooya? Beans Bendel? Brad Pitt? Angelina Jolly? Everyone in the Lake WhaddyathinkImean telephone book? And everybody on our whole planet including Bogart? I don't think so.

Why we're all as different as a bee and a porpoise. A rooster and a BMW.

Lindsay Lohan and common sense, don'tcha know.

We may all be part of the same flock with red blood runnin' through our arteriors. And we may all have one nose, two eyes, and a belly that sags when we let it ... but we're NOT a flock of sheep,

we're humans. Un-numbered, free-spirited IN-DEE-VI-DUALS.

Why when poor Vilma read about some "expert" saying she needed SEVEN hours of sleep, the poor girl thought she was going to expire like spoilt milk. You see, Vilma was good fer sleepin' a whole EIGHT hours a night. Now, she can't

sleep a wink from worryin' about sleepin' TOO MUCH!

Who are these people? Where do they come up with these wild procrastinations?

Uh, protestations? Hibernations? Oh you get

Then there are these socalled experts who tell us salt's bad fer you. Well, fer some folks it probably is. But, just like us humans, not ALL salt is the same.

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Too bad so much of the bleached kind is put into so many of our packaged foods. So you got to make sure yer not only reading BETWEEN the lines, yer reading the lines THEMSELVES!

Same with coffee. Now they're saying it may lower yer risk of liver and colon cancer. And that's peachy keen. But seein' as how caffeine stays in ver system fer up to 12 HOURS ... some folks, like yers truly, would be the rooster wakin' up Lake WhaddyathinkImean at TWO O'CLOCK in the morning!

Why I can't help but think that some of these "experts" must think we're just plain stupid! Well, ol' Maybelle will have none of it. I'll make up my own mind, thank you. And when it comes to how much sleep I am needing or what I should or shouldn't be eating...

Why the last time I slept seven hours I felt like I was swimming through molasses the whole next day. You see, I'm good with SIX hours sleep a night. Seven and you might as well plant me in the ground and water my head.

Coffee doesn't agree with me neither. Why the last time I drank coffee I couldn't stop blabbing through the music on my radio show and I stayed up all night watching the numbers on my blood pressure gizmo bounce up and down like the Dow Jones, don'tcha know.

As fer eatin' salt, I stick to what's natural and in small amounts. And my body likes it.

Now that's just me. And that's my point. I listen to my OWN body. Cause I figure ... if I'm feeling full of life and free of aches and ughs, then I must be doin' something right. If I'm not, I follow my late Auntie Hester's advice and surf the Net.

And boy if I don't find all kinds of information that gives me a good circumspection, don'tcha know. Sure, I show it to my doctor. But the bottom line is ... it's what makes sense to ME that counts.

Afterall, who knows how ol' Maybelle's feeling better than ol' Maybelle?

Til next time, keep smiling. And if you can't crack a smile, then crack a joke. Why THAT's good fer EVERY BODY, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. You can hear Fireside Stories on 100.9 Canoe FM or at Maybelle's blog at: firesidestories.com.

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# The world after sunset

Walking Softly • Column by Steve Galea

dense fog covers the lowlands, but not in smoky, fading tendrils that cling to creek bottoms or nebulous forms that parade silently past, revealing and concealing as it progresses. No, the fog this morning is thick and more settled; everything beneath it was veiled in an off-white that muted sound and sight. This is what happens when the cool of an August night brushes up against summer's residual heat.

Somewhere in that valley last night the wolves had gathered once again. Around midnight they announced their presence in their age-old way. It began with a screaming, lonely howl that rose to the stars and spilled over into the night. There was no joy or sorrow in the sound, merely proclamation that told the world a wolf is here. Yips and growls provided an eerie chorus and response. And, with this, the darkness seemed suddenly complete.

Though the countryside has changed, though the prey and predators have increased in numbers and changed in composition, this much remains the same. Somewhere in the night, through the hardwoods and evergreens, in the meadows and along the stony ridges, the wolves still roam and hunt. And, if they are lucky, somewhere within their realm a deer is being pulled down and reduced to hide, hooves and bloody cracked bone. Somewhere there is gore. Somewhere leaves, grass and soil is drenched in blood, hair and the liquids of an extinguished life. Somewhere wild things



There is a lot behind the nighttime cry of a wolf. /File photo

are doing what they have always done.

Beneath the infinite night sky, the wolf is king. And now, in the heat of the day, a successful pack sits somewhere in the shade of the green woods, enduring light, heat and flies, content in the kill, bellies full, muzzles drenched in blood and the pungent scent of offal.

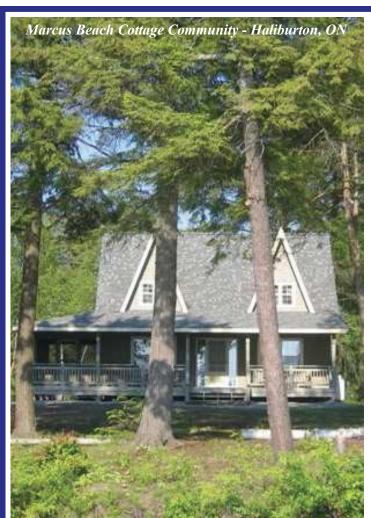
The killing is never pretty and very often cruel, but it is never wasteful. The wolves are doing what they were designed to do. They target the weak and sick; but they also take down healthy animals if conditions allow. They are opportunists that kill without malice. To them it is an act as natural as breathing or giving birth to a litter of pups – killing is the only way of life that they understand. Killing is something that they are good at. Killing is what brought them this far along. They are not so different from us.

In the night, they trail deer. Sometimes they herd them into ambushes, other times they run them down and wear them out. Hares, grouse, turkeys, moose and beavers are also fair game, if they allow themselves to be caught. A wolf is nothing if not fair.

Last night, they ran the valley, perhaps towards the back pond. Maybe they slipped along on padded feet through the cedar swamp, testing the air for the scent of their next meal.

All I know is that along the way they announced that they were on the hunt. And that piercing cry filled the night and reminded me of that other world that exists once the sun sets, the stars glisten and we humans bed down.

Somewhere beneath that fog, a simple proclamation was issued. And it said that wild things are doing what they have always done.



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# **Griffin seeks third term for AH's Ward 3**

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Diane Griffin says it is her love of municipal politics that has urged her to seek a third term as councillor for Algonquin Highlands's Ward 3 in the fall elec-

While Griffin had indicated previously she would not be seeking re-election this year, "as 2010 unfolded, no one was stepping up to the plate," she said.

Oxtongue Lake business owner Gary Schultz has since also filed papers to become the representative for Ward 3, which stretches from Dorset to the gateway to Algonquin Park.

As a member of council for the past seven years, Griffin's proud to have been part of some of the township's forwardthinking projects.

"A proactive approach has always been part of Algonquin Highlands," Griffin said, adding that the township has been arguably the county's most proficient recycler and that its trails and water trails systems are second to none.

"The bottom line is doing these kinds of recreational things within a municipality makes your community viable," she said.

Griffin, who served as chief adminis-

trative officer of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale townships for 27 years, said she knows the Stanhope Airport expansion project will be an election issue and believes her support of the project may lose her some

"I stand by my convictions," she said, adding that she was disappointed the county had not expressed any interest in the expansion project.

'We've been chastised in regards to not having a business plan," Griffin continued, but said there was a solid vision in place for the expansion project and that a full, formal business plan would follow once the township had issues with property rights cleared up.

Griffin said controlling the tax level and the need for increased septage, perhaps an expansion of the McClintock sewage lagoon, would continue to be big issues for the township in the upcoming

While Schultz has charged that Oxtongue Lake does not get a fair shake at the township council, Griffin said that while many people think of Ward 3 as Oxtongue Lake, it is important to remember the ward is actually comprised of 16 lake communities.

"I know that their needs are different and you present them accordingly," Griffin said, adding that being a municipal councillor sometimes means voting for what is best for the municipality as a whole, and not just one's ward or part of that road.

"I treat them no differently than any of my other lakes," she said of Oxtongue Lake residents.

Griffin noted that she'd spent much of her time this summer attending various association meetings of lakes in her ward and that it was important for her to understand her constituents' concerns.

"I'm here for the people," she said. "It's part of my makeup that I'm always available."

> Diane Griffin is running for re-electon as Algonquin Highlands's Ward 3 councillor in the October municipal election. Griffin has served two terms on council.

> > **Chad Ingram** Times staff



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#### **Dorset gets new tanker truck**

**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg showed the township's new tanker truck to councillors during a meeting last week. The \$250,000 vehicle will be stationed in Dorset.



Members of Algonquin Highlands council got to check out the township's new tanker truck during their Aug. 19 meeting.

# Cottager-turned-resident wants councillor seat

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Lisa Barry describes herself as honest and sensible. As of this week, Barry is also a candidate for one of two councillor positions for Algonquin Highlands's Ward 2 in the October municipal election.

So far, County Voice reporter Liz Danielsen is the only other person running for office in Ward 2, which encompasses the former Stanhope township.

Barry, who has cottaged in the area her entire life and has been a full-time resident since 2004, says she is a community-minded individual and said a need for fiscal responsibility was one reason she decided to run for council.

'I've been sort of following local politics," she said. "I'm really concerned about how our tax dollars are

Barry said there were a couple of projects supported by council that, to her, didn't seem to be in the best interest of the majority of township's residents.

Maintaining the township's basic services is also a priority for Barry, who credits the township's firefighters and county EMS for saving her father's life after a bad car collision six years ago.

It was largely that incident that caused Barry, a potter who studied at Sheridan College and the Alberta College of Art and Design, and husband Matt to relocate to

Drawn in by the area's thriving artistic community, Barry went on to become a founding member of the Art Hive and Maple Lake Artisans' Collective and points to that experience as proof of her ability to work as part of a team.

She's also a volunteer with organizations including the Haliburton County Studio Tour, Haliburton Arts Council, Rails End Gallery and Stanhope Heritage Day.

Since she works from home, Barry said she'd have the time necessary to serve the community.

Along with social and cultural issues, preservation of the environment is a big concern for Barry, who said she wants to make sure that the area's ecosystem is protected for future generations to enjoy

At 33, Barry is a young council candidate who said that she thinks it is important for the township's

younger voters to be represented at the council table.

She said it is far too common for people who grow up here to move away seeking education and then simply

"I'm a prime candidate for someone who has done the exact opposite," she said.

Barry plans to take part in the all-candidates meeting for Algonquin Highlands, is considering a Facebook and email campaign and said she will be out talking to neighbours.

'My goal is to be a part of a process ... to ask questions," she said. "I'm honest and sensible."

Lisa Barry is running for Ward 2 councillor of Algonquin Highlands. /Submitted photo



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#### **Program helps kids head back** to school

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The packs, donated by the company, are filled with supplies from local people and businesses and distributed to children in need.

This year, the program has provided some 800 backpacks filled with more than \$45,000 in school supplies to children throughout the province.

Pictured are Rylie Sloan of the Stanhope fire department association, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, Jim Winn and Elizabeth Boxall of Bell Aliant and, in front, Don Stromberg of the Minden Hills fire department.

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#### **Zion United Church** hosts street dance

Members of Zion United Church enjoyed beef on a bun and conversation during a street dance at the church on Aug. 21.

Chad Ingram Times staff



Gary Chapman performed for a crowd at Carnarvon's Zion United Church's street dance. Gord Kidd and the 50/50 Band also performed.





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# Four running for Progressive Conservative nomination on Sept. 18

Party members have choice of four candidates, including former MPP Laurie Scott, when they vote at Pinestone Resort next month

Local Progressive Conservative party members will nominate a candidate to run for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the October 2011 provincial election on Sept. 18.

There are four candidates for the PC nomination, including former MPP Laurie Scott, Isaac Breadner, Rob Seabrook and Dorothy Sanderson.

PC Ontario will have two polling stations with a morning vote at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton and an afternoon vote at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Lindsay.

Only PC party members can vote for a candidate and the deadline for new memberships is Aug. 28 at 5 p.m.

Scott stepped down as MPP in early 2009 to allow then party leader John Tory to seek a seat at Queen's Park after he failed to win in a Toronto riding in the 2007 provincial election.

But Tory lost the resulting March 5, 2009 by election to Liberal Rick Johnson.

The 40th Ontario election is scheduled to take place on Oct. 6, 2011.

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Sheila Robb of the Haliburton **County Garlic** Growers Association is encouraging the public to come to the third annual Garlic Festival that will be held on the grounds of Carnarvon Bowl on Saturday, Aug. 28. The event was started by Robb's late husband Charlie.

**Darren Lum** Times staff

## **Garlic Fest smells of success**

#### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

Charlie Robb is no longer around, but his dream lives

For his wife Sheila Robb the third annual Garlic Festival, which is organized by the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association, is a living testament to his passion

Robb's husband started as a hobby garlic farmer, but grew as many as 8,000 bulbs at their home located on a quiet road north of Carnarvon, selling to area residents.

The association's founding member got the idea from his daughter Deb Barnhart, who is also an association member who lives in Minden, but honed his craft and skills under the mentorship of renowned garlic guru Ted Maczka otherwise known as the Fish Lake Garlic Man in Prince Edward County.

The event is entering its third year and has grown from a few hundred to several hundred people in attendance.

The event started from garlic workshops hosted by the Robbs, sponsored by the Haliburton County Farmers Association, and as a result it inspired several other



local growers to join the Robbs to form the Haliburton Garlic Growers Association.

Later that year they held the first Garlic Festival to educate the public, support area growers and to celebrate the passion for garlic.

This year's event will boast braiding demonstrations, recipe books, an information kiosk, garlic preserves, local artisans, home baking, and jams and jellies, including thousands of bulbs and garlic scapes - similar to chives.

Among the varieties that grow well and are expected to be at the festival are the porcelain, rocambole and Russian red to name a few, Robb said.

Although there are countless ways to use garlic, Robb is addicted to and loves to make garlic feta cheese. She adds the area is great for garlic growing because of the snow cover and she has always said that when people try the locally grown varieties there is no turning back.

Other association members such as Ron and Toos Reid will be selling a few hundred bulbs and actually only live a few kilometres away from Robb. Robb's husband inspired them.

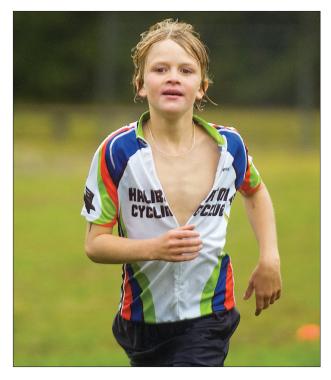
The couple agrees the event is a great way for their friend and garlic mentor's dream to live on.

Although they don't love it as much as Toos's grandmother on her father's side, who ate a clove a day, they do make a point of adding it to their daily diet, whether it is in the garlic feta cheese or in soups.

Robb said to grow garlic she recommends starting with good seed stock and planting it in loose soil where there is plenty of sunshine. The harvesting of garlic occurs nine months after it gets planted (usually in

Garlic can last for months if it is hung where there is little humidity and out of the sunlight. It should never be put in the fridge as the humidity and conditions will encourage growth.

For more information and how to become an association member check the website: www.haliburtongar-



**Darren Lum** Times staff Drew van Lieshout runs, smiling as he enters the finish area

to the Get Your Feet Wet distance. He finished fourth in his



Men run into the water to swim the 750 metre distance in the opening leg of the sprint triathlon, enduring rain and cool

# 190 compete in Stanhope triathlon

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

age class (11-12).

The 13th annual Stanhope Firefighters Triathlon drew 190 competitors to the multi-sport fundraising event held on and around the North Shore Road on Saturday morning, Aug. 21.

The event offered participants three distances - Kids

Size, Get Your Feet Wet and the Sprint.

With 18 volunteers, this event tested athletes in swimming, biking and running.

The top male local finisher was Blake Paton of Minden Hills with an eighth place overall and third in his age class (40 to 49) for the Sprint class (750 metre swim, 20 kilometre bike and 5 kilometre run) while the top female finisher was Karen Koeler of Haliburton for the same distance was 37th overall and was third in her age class (30 to 39).

In the Get Your Feet Wet (375 metre swim, 10 kilometre bike and 2.5 kilometre run) Kevin Penney of Haliburton led the way with a 10th place overall and a was first in his age category (30 to 39) while Abbey McRae of Minden finished 11th overall and second in her age class (13 to 16).

Betty Paton of Minden Hills earned top local honours with a 13th finish overall and a fifth place in her age class (11 to 12 years) for the Kids Size (100 metre swim, 3 kilometre bike and 1 kilometre run).



#### **Snowdon Schoolhouse** reunites

Students from the original Snowdon Dutchline oneroom schoolhouse met at the Gelert Community Centre on Aug. 15 for an annual reunion with fellow classmates and teacher Marion Sedgwick. Alumni include, from back left, Reg Schrader, Jim Schrader and John Clarke. Front row from left, Verna Steves (Schrader), Betty Bowry (Stata), June Davey (Bacon), Evelyn Ruttle (Siems), Marion Bacon (Ruttle), Marion Sedgwick, Barbara Sproule (Schrader) and Sylvi Hoyle (Smith).

**Angelica Blenich** Times staff

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great way for Dorset kids to spend the summer. Logan and Jenny made sure the kids had lots of fun, played games, went swimming, created great crafts, took the kids on a weekly hike to the tower and lots of field trips to Robinson's General Store to pick up supplies for baking special treats.

For more information on Dorset day camp, fall hours beginning Sept. 1 or any other programs offered at the Dorset Recreation Centre, call 766-9968.

Knox United Church in Dorset is helping to run the annual roast beef dinner with homemade pie at the Dwight Community Centre on Saturday, August 28 with continuous servings from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under

The Dorset Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. and will be discussing *Sleeping Naked is Green* by

Vanessa Farquharson. All are welcome. Contact the library at 766-9969 for more information.

The Dorset Lions Club is happy to announce that they will be hosting the 37th annual family fishing derby on Sunday, September 5 at Lions Camp Dorset, Kawagama Lake Road.

Weigh in takes place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (SHARP) for any fish caught on Sept. 5 on any local public waterway. Prizes and trophies will be presented for various winning categories.

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and in typical Dorset Lions Club fashion is sure to be delicious. The cost to participate is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages seven to 12 and no charge for children six and under.

see WISHING page 25



### TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS REQUIRES A TREASURER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from qualified persons for the position of Treasurer

Reporting to the CAO, and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Treasurer will perform the statutory duties of Treasurer as set forth in applicable provincial legislation. In this position, you will be responsible for the following:

- Supervision of three full-time staff in tax collection, accounts payable/receivable, and payroll
   Coordinate and lead the annual budget process, development of long-term capital/operating
- budget forecasts
- Responsible for GL, FIR completions, monthly operating statements, taxation and municipal revenue functions
- Maintain asset inventory in compliance with PSAB
- Preparation of required financial statements and reports to Council and Senior Staff
- Coordinate all audit requirements
- Human Resources and payroll functions including benefit administration
- Oversee insurance plans and risk management issues
- Computer software maintenance and back-up systems Education & Qualifications

#### **Education and Qualfications**

- A related post secondary education or university degree with an accounting designation, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Municipal finance courses.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government finance, municipal financial planning, financial information systems, municipal financial reporting, taxation experience, budgetary processes, and supervisory experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, financial, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication, presentation, staff leadership and supervisory skills.
- Advanced computer skills including thorough knowledge of accounting software, spreadsheet and data base management (USTI municipal software experience an asset)

Salary Range: \$81,539 - \$91,772 subject to meeting all qualifications

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume.

We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by **September 23, 2010** to:

Juanita Dempster-Evans, CAO
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, KOM 1J1
Email - jdempster-evans@algonquinhighlands.ca

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A TURNING POINT FOR WOMEN

#### Resource Development Coordinator

Three Year Contract Start Date: Sept. 20th, 2010

Start Date: Sept. 20", 2010
Weekdavs: 28 hours/week Year One, 21 hours/week Year Two and Three

**LOCATION:** YWCA Women's Centre, 11 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, Ontario **PURPOSE:** To plan, manage and support the resource development components of the YWCA

Women's Centre in Minden.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

**HOURS:** 

- Post secondary education in a field demonstrated to be relevant to volunteerism, fundraising/ resource development and or special event work is an asset.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, additional languages (including ASL) an asset.
- Engaging interpersonal skills.
- Organized, reliable, and able to multi-task, meet deadlines and complete projects.
- Demonstrated ability to manage a variety of confidential information.
- Solid working knowledge of computers, proficient in Microsoft Office, email, Internet and other computer programs.
- Broad knowledge of rural community resources and of issues related to poverty, women and children abuse and their long-term effects specific to Haliburton County.
- Strong Commitment to Anti-Oppression / Anti-Racism education.
- Proven ability to work independently, with accountability for processes, consultation and results.
- Demonstrated public speaking, to large and small groups, and media experience would be an asset.
- Have access to a reliable vehicle and required insurance.

Please submit covering letter and resume describing how your skills and experience match these qualifications by Friday, Sept. 3, 2010 at noon to:

Lyn Giles, Director of Resource Development YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton 216 Simcoe Street Peterborough, Ontario K9H 2H7 E-Mail: lgiles@ywcapeterborough.org

Job description is available at the front desk at 216 Simcoe Street, Peterborough. or on our website www.ywcapeterborough.org.

No phone calls please.

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

YWCA seeks to be an equal opportunity employer.



# Annual garlic festival set to go at Carnarvon Bowl



Gina Atkinson Stanhope Life

705-489-1397

pinereflections@sympatico.ca

This summer is flying by way too fast! It has been full of great weather and plenty of stuff to do.

This weekend is the annual Haliburton Garlic Fest and you don't what to miss it. It's set up nicely with tents with lots of homemade goodies from our area with garlic being the star attraction.

Jams, honey, home baking, and preserves - you name it! If you are thinking of possibly growing your garlic this is a great opportunity to ask questions at their information kiosk.

So, this Saturday, head over to the parking lot of the Carnarvon Bowl located at the corner of highways 35 and 118. Check it out - it's only running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Garlic plays a great role in practically any dish I prepare so we have been growing garlic for a few years now and believe me, there is nothing like fresh garlic.

We were brought up with garlic, for medicinal reasons as well as a food enhancer. As a kid, at the first sign of illness I had to wear a string with garlic strung through it around my neck.

As immigrants, we stood out enough without this added flag but we survived it and I have stopped cringing at the thought.

Anyways, don't miss this Saturday's third annual Garlic Fest!

For more information, please call Sheila

garlic.ca.

Also, later on in the evening, the Friends of Twelve Mile Lake Church invite you to EveningSong, an old-fashioned evening of music beginning at 7 p.m. at the Twelve Mile Lake Church. This quaint little church is located just off Highway 35, south of Carnavon at the corners of Omagaki and Chambers Roads.

It will be an evening of great music by the Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders, purchase goodies from their bake sale and take part in their exciting raffles.

It's also a celebration; Twelve Mile Lake Church is celebrating a 120th anniversary!

It all started September 1890 with a group of local families who contributed their labour, materials and whatever cash they could spare to fund the building of the church.

Most of those people now rest in the quaint cemetery that surrounds the little white church. Colourful flowers surround the headstones that reveal a little history of those that have passed.

With a little uncertainty for its future, in 2007 the Zion United Church (with the union of Methodist and Presbyterian churches in 1925, Zion and Twelve Mile Lake churches became one congregation) reluctantly decided to sell the church building and adjoining land.

Because of this discussion, a group of community volunteers formed The Friends of Twelve Mile Lake Church who dedicated themselves to care and maintain its spot within the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery.

The Township of Minden Hills purchased

the property in December 2008 with no immediate plans to relocate the building and invited The Friends to take care of this historical church.

Uncertain as to its future, but definitely clear that Twelve Mile Lake Church will celebrate its 120th anniversary this Saturday

Please take your lawn chair, go out and enjoy an evening underneath a possible starry sky overlooking the lake. Reflect on this historical piece of property that's full of memories of the hard work and perseverance of those families 120 years ago that had a vision.

If you are looking for some excitement in your life, join the bowling enthusiasts that will be meeting again in just a few weeks.

League bowling will start at the Carnarvon Bowl on the 7, 8 and 9th of September. For those of you who aren't experienced or intimidated by leagues - don't be! It's meant as a fun time to see friends and meet new ones.

If you are thinking about joining, Ken Thompson has a sweet deal for you!

Call Ken at 489-3424 for details. Have a great week!



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#### **COUNTY OF HALIBURTON** LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday September 13th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

Applicant: SMOLLET & WARNER Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 32, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson Nature of the Application: New Lot

2. File No. H-074/10 Applicant: Mario PALUMBO Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 25th day of August, 2010.

Jane M. Tousaw, CMO Director of Planning County of Haliburton 11 Newcastle Street P. O. 399

Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 Telephone: (705) 286-1333, or 866-886-8815 ext. 222

Fax: (705) 286-4829 jtousaw@county.haliburton.on.ca

# Wishing happy birthdays

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Tickets can be purchased at Tower Hill Marine, Mountain Trout House Marina and at the door. For more information, please call 705-766-

Birthday wishes for the week of Aug. 22 to 28 go out to Trish Brooks, Sarah Alexander, Donald Radley, Tabetha Webb and Jessica

Pulfrey. Happy belated Birthday to Sandy Davis who celebrated on Aug. 16 - sorry I missed you Sandy! For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@ hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-



### Notices

#### **NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:**



**IN TODAY'S PAPER** 

# An August like this comes once in 850 years



#### **Patti Fleury**

Around the Town

705-488-2938 Fax: 488-1246 brucefleury@nexicom.net

Our emails frequently include items from good friend Ken, usually humorous stories or interesting trivia. This week was no exception. Did you know that the month of



Saturday, August 28, 2010 Highways 118 & 35, Carnarvon **Grounds of Carnarvon Bowl** 10am - 3pm

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gourmet garlic information kiosk local artisans

recipe books honey a'buzzing home baking

For further information contact Sheila Robb 489-4201



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### Zion United Church "Your Community Church"

'EVEN SONG'

Sunday August 29th 7PM @ 12 Mile Lake Church (sing the Old Favorites)

> ROAST BEEF DINNER

With Chef Fredrico Saturday, September 18th 5:30 PM \$17<sup>50</sup> pp

**HAPPY MUNCHKINS** 

Tuesday, September 21st

(off the bus after school the kids have a great time!)

"Your Community Church in Action" Coffee / Tea & Goodies AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES Come Join Us - All Welcome

August 2010 has five Sundays, five Mondays and five Tuesdays? Why is that so special? Apparently this only happens once every 850 years. Now there's an item to dazzle folks with at your next family gathering.

Here is an opportunity to voice your vision about the future of the Haliburton County Rail Trail in anticipation of a county master plan review. Attend the session on Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College or for more information about this event and other activities, call 705-457-4767, toll free 1-888-225-1448 or go to wildwoodpaths@yahoo.ca.

This Thursday, Aug. 26 will be the last in the Music in the Park series 2010 sponsored by the Kinmount and District Lions Club. The open-air concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and this week's featured guests will be well-known local musician Vivian Hetherington and Friends. Vivian gives generously of her time and talents to our community and it seems only fitting that she brings this popular event to a close until next summer. So bring along family, friends and lawn chairs for an enjoyable evening by the Burnt River in beautiful Austin Sawmill Heritage Park.

Appreciation is once again extended to the Lions Club for its continuing support of this valued summer program.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone by Kinmount Baptist Church to join in Hymn Fest on Sunday, Aug. 29 beginning at 5 p.m. There will be music, food and fellowship at the Church located on Hwy. 45 West, 4937 Monck

The famous Kinmount Fair is fast approaching coming up on Sept. 3, 4 and 5. Here are some notes from the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 related to the Fair. There will be

### Coming Events

To advertise your upcoming event, call Jennifer Browning at 286-1288



A Series of Free Outdoor Concerts **Every Friday Night** Beside the Minden Post Office

Friday, August 27th "Gordie Tentrees" Rock & Country Singer

Bring a lawn chair and sit by the Gull River **Sponsored by:** 





Friday with a \$300 jackpot. On the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 4 following the Warriors' Day parade the Legion will host a barbecue and karaoke back at the branch.

Just a reminder for newcomers to the fair that the gigantic Warriors' Day parade leaves downtown Kinmount at noon heading up on County Road 503 to enter the fairgrounds. The Parade is lengthy and traffic delays significant on all routes coming into town. If you are not going to the Fair but only driving through be prepared for delays. For more information about the fair with the forward look go to www.kinmountfair.net.

At the not-for-profit Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace continue to enjoy tax free shopping daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The summer draw will be held on Labour Day Monday, Sept. 6 and planning is already well underway for the studio tour. Sponsored by the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild which operates the Marketplace the tour is coming up on Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 9 and 10. Brochures for the tour are available at the Marketplace along with those for the Victoria County 25th anniversary studio tour, dedicated in memory to Sandor Attila Tandory, on the two weekends before Thanksgiving. Sandor was a valued member of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild and some of his prints are still available at the marketplace.

Until next week...



**Chad Ingram** at the **Dominion** 

**Aug. 28** 

8 p.m.

## Wintergreen Pancake Barn... **Peach Social**

Sat. Aug 21, Sun. Aug 22, Sat. Aug 28, Sun. Aug 29, Sat. Sept. 4, Sun. Sept. 5

Wintergreen creates fresh fruit delights with real whipped cream topped with maple syrup and of course fresh peaches. Taste our BBQ sauces, Jam, Jellies, Mustards, Fruit Syrups and Homemade Preserves. Join us for fresh baked peach pie or take one home frozen and bake it yourself.

Have your cake and experience it too...Crepes, French Toast, Pancakes, Sausages, Maple Baked Beans and Smoothies with fresh peaches, also featuring Pulled Pork Sandwiches.

Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only. Wintergreen Pancake Barn #3325 Gelert Rd in Gelert (286-3202).

Coming Soon! Minden Fringe Performs August 21...Dinner at 7, performance at 8 p.m.... reservations only 286-3202.

Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility...by appt. only... call Paul Morin at 286-4360

# Have any ideas on future recreation in our community?

The township of Minden Hills is inviting all interested citizens to participate in public meetings to map out the future priorities for the township's public recreation facili-

The first meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 30 at the Minden Community Centre. A second meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, also at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The facilitated meetings are intended to collect input about the kinds of recreation activities and facilities that the Municipality should be considering and planning for over the next 25 years. At the end of the process, a report will be provided to the incoming council with respect to the role existing facilities could play, what additional facilities might be required, and what typical capital and operating costs might be expected over the next 25 years.

All of the existing municipal recreation facilities will be considered in the discussion, including the role that the Lochlin, Gelert and Irondale community centres will serve in the longer term. In addition to considering the outlying community centres, parks, trails and sports fields, the future of Minden facilities like the arena, community centre, fairgrounds and curling club will also be reviewed.

A small focus group provided some initial direction for Community Services staff to follow. With the assistance of strategic planning funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation as part of the Sesquicentennial Legacy project, the planning process is now at the point where a broader range of opinion and input is

Input can also be provided by mail, fax and email. Please send any suggestions relevant to the future of recreation activities and facilities in Minden Hills to Rick Cox at rcox@mindenhills.ca or by fax to 286-3070 or by mail to PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

For more information or to volunteer your help call Rick Cox at 286-1936 xt 201.

### Alicia Wednesday, August 25th, 2010 8:30 - 11:30pm No cover charge. Highlanders Lounge HIGHLANDERS Haliburton's own singer/songwriter Alicia Sales, has performed all over North America wowing audiences with her sweet yet powerful voice. Enjoy her smooth vocal stylings which include old favourites as well as her own original compositions. Gary Baumgartner and Brad Sales of "The Rough Ideas", will be accompanying Join us for Dinner and a S Special Buffet Dinner at 5:00 pm before the Show! only... **\$19<sup>95</sup>** per person Make it an overnight excursion with accommodations starting at. \$139<sup>95</sup>

# Coming Events

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#### **Ghost walk and talk in Minden**

Leading ladies Prunella, left, and Vampira take a group of haunted souls on a ghost walk through Minden on Aug. 19. The haunting journey includes a string of tragic tales as the spirits make their way to various destinations in town including the Dominion Hotel, Beaver Theatre and the Minden post office. Here the haunted souls are enriched with a death defying tale in front of the Rockcliffe Tavern.

**Angelica Blenich** Times staff

# Garage sales

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### **YARD** SALE

August 28th 8am-1pm

Lady of **Fatima Catholic Church** Minden

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# community

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the 👬 UR Haliluston Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- The Tory Hill Market runs every Sunday from 10 a.m. 4 p.m., July through Labour Day weekend. Come and relax at the market on the shores of McCue Lake nestled in the village of Tory Hill. Childrens playground, picnic and washroom facilities are available. Fresh local produce, breads, preserves, arts and crafts. Feed the Body, Challenge the mind and Inspire the soul at the Tory Hill Market.
- Healthy Life Workshop: Free workshop. Register Now 1-866-971-5545 or www.healthylifeworkshop.ca
- The Jericho Centre 50 York St. Unit 5. Entrance beside Curves, down the hall past the Vehicle Licence Office, Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1SO. Drop in on Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come on in for a coffee, card game, dominos, read a book, watch a movie or just chat Overcomers Recovery Support Group, Monday mornings 10:30 a.m.- noon or Overcomers Revovery Support Group, Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Overcomers is a Recovery Support Group for people overcoming life controlling issues. To watch a 5 minute promo video go to www.recoverysupport.org.

Tuesday evening 7-8 p.m. Community prayer. Join us on neutral ground and pray for our community. For more information Call Don or Judy at 705-457-2019

- August 26: Kinmount Music in the Park Presents Vivian Hetherington and Friends. All ages are invited to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Kinmount every Thursday evening in July and August starting at 6:30 pm to dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of musical offerings under the open skies by the river. This year the series presents the following groups and
- August 26: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Branch 109 at 7 PM
- August 27: A Special Day at the Haliburton County Farmers' Market to celebrate Local Food. Local food vendors, information booths, harpist, drummers, face painting & balloon creations, Haliburton County portable library and more on Friday August 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. Located beside the restaurant, That

- Place in Carnarvon at the junctions of Hwy #35 and #118. For more information contact Angela McGreevy at 705-457-9843 or angelamcgreevy@rocketmail.com.
- August 28: The SLACAR Annual Corn Roast is taking place at Lot 1324 Hamilton Rd. At 1 pm. SLAC-AR members and guests welcome. For more information please contact Patti Prentice at 705-286-2092.
- September 4: Trash and Treasure Bake Sale is taking place at the Haliburton Legion at 9 am. Venders Welcome. Contact Pat Wright- Thorpe 457-2828 for more information
- September 4: Gooderham Community Church Yard Sale from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be light refreshments avalilable. Donated items would be apperciated. For pick-up or drop off please call June at 705-447-2823. Please no large appliances, baby cribs, mattresses.

#### Haliburton County FARMERS' MARKET Visit us FRIDAY afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00.

NEW LOCATION near intersection of hwys 118 and 35, beside the restaurant "That Place in Carnarvon." Buy fresh, local produce and browse our selection of fresh baked breads, jams, preserves, baked goods, and artisan crafts. Open until Sept. 10. For more information call 457 -9843.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes. ca. or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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